

George County High School



Color Guard Handbook
GCHS Guard Handbook- Fall 2017

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Mission Statement

The goal of the George County High School Color Guard Program is to provide an opportunity for students to participate in representing their school, to grow as individuals and team members, to teach performance skills and build self-confidence and self-esteem. Group activities require that an individual put aside their personal feelings for the good of the group. What is required of one is required of all. When each individual is willing to give up a small part of herself, the group benefits as a whole. Personal sacrifice and understanding the dynamics of a team will be crucial to becoming the best color guard member possible.

Most importantly, membership in color guard is a *privilege* not a right.

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What is Guard?

In Guard, we emphasize training in the student's ability to spin, dance, and perform. It is very much so a group activity, so learning to perform *together* is the ultimate goal (along with having fun of course!). The main objective is to prepare and clean the visual to a field show, 3-5 minute gym performance and parade routine using flags, equipment and dance.

Science:

It is exact, specific and it demands precise execution. A designer's drill is a chart; a graph which indicates x and y coordinates for constantly changing geometric shapes and forms in both time and space. Our equipment and props are always pushing the laws of physics with force and speed, action and reaction. All of this with an incredible control of time.

Mathematical:

It is rhythmically and metrically based on the subdivision of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously. We have angles and degrees, both acute and obtuse, sequences, ranges, and hypotenuse.

Language:

It is a visual picture alive with message and meaning. We use interpretive phrases, sentences, and words many times with music which creates a most complete and universal languages, to be recorded for others to see, feel, and understand. It is a language which is recited and shared many times both near and far.

History:

Winter Guard can be influenced by the environment and times of its creation, or it can reflect the past as well as the future. It can send us to a far away country or bring us closer to home.

Physical:

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, feet and legs; in addition to extraordinary control of the back, stomach and torso; all of which are called to respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the sight the eye sees. Winter Guard calls upon endurance, ability, strength, and balance.

Sport:

A game we play with others in which we share and we shine. We are competing with ourselves to perform better with every practice and every show. It allows us to reflect and learn on what's inside - on confidence and fear, self-esteem and self-image; as we get better on the outside with performances, people, expressing our feelings, and sharing our dreams. It is a chance to realize our attitude is what makes us or breaks us, not anyone or anything else. It is a mind set with an increased awareness challenging us to realize the potential in our selves.

Performing Arts:

It is a show which can be entertaining and enlightening! It requires directing, acting, producing, managing, and touring, as well being full of colors, fashion, flair, excitement, pizzazz, sophistication, and subtlety. We are to realize the triad of performance: audience, performer, designer.

Educational:

It allows a human being to learn how to take all of these things; some dry and technically boring, some difficult and challenging; and use them to create emotion! One of the most important things our world needs.

What is expected of Guard Members:

The greatest single factor that will determine the success of any organization is **attitude**. It takes dedication to reach goals. Students are expected to come to rehearsal with the right attitude of sincerity, concentration, and dedication to working hard to achieve success with his/her teammates. A good attitude and a strong work ethic is the difference between a successful organization and a mediocre group. In Winter Guard the belief in membership is quality over quantity.

Members of the GCHS Guard are asked to make a commitment to the program through their time and effort. As a member, you are required to commit to the rehearsal and performance schedule, and you are required to show up on time. You are also expected to dedicate time to practice outside of rehearsal.

Examples of outside practice:

Mental practice with music before bed

Stretching and conditioning

Going outside and working on challenging maneuvers.

There will be scheduled "open gym" time and scheduled time before or after rehearsal for members to meet with the coaching staff.

When the members of a competing group have pride, maturity, class, and style, *it shows*. When the members of a group are lacking these qualities, *it shows even more*. Remember, it takes much longer to build a good reputation than to ruin one.

Expectations and Obligations

Rules/Regulations

Members must obey all rules set forth by the school and the band staff. All members must sign a behavior contract.

1. All participants must meet state and district requirements.
2. Outside interest may not interfere with practices or events.
3. Each participant must attend summer camp, weight training, and practices to prepare for camp.
4. Each participant must wear proper attire to all practices.
5. No jewelry, glitter, fake nails, fingernail polish may be worn at practices or games.
6. All fingernails should be short.
7. No permanent tattoos.
8. Work, personal business, doctor/dentist appointments must be scheduled around color guard/band practices and events.
9. No gum during practices or events.
10. Color Guard must perform tasks necessary to prepare for practices (pull flags, carry speaker, etc).
11. Color Guard members are not excused from practice or events due to parental discipline.
12. Any absence or tardy without prior sponsor approval will automatically be counted as unexcused.
13. The season begins from the selection of color guard members in the spring until tryouts the next year.
14. No profanity or inappropriate behavior at practice, games or events.
15. No cell phones used unless given permission by the coach.
16. Color Guard members are to maintain the utmost respect for themselves when using social networks such as Facebook, Snapchat, you tube, etc.
17. Pictures posted on the internet for ANY reason should be school and age appropriate.

18. Color Guard performances may NOT be posted on the internet without appropriate clearance from the squad coach
19. It is the responsibility of the Color Guard member to know all material and/or information that was missed when they were not present at practice. If the coach does not feel the color guard member is proficient with the material learned they may not be allowed to participate in the event.
20. Failure by color guard members to return forms on time will result in disciplinary action.
21. Failure to bring notes, bills, and information home to color guard parents or guardian will result in disciplinary action.
22. Each color guard member will receive a grade for the color guard class. Failure to meet all criteria set forth by the sponsor and the handbook will be reflected in the color guard member's grade. (GCHS)

Attendance Policy:

Attendance at all practices and performances is **mandatory**. Excused absences will only be accepted when verified by a parent or doctor. Please, do not use Facebook as a way to communicate absences. If a student is well enough to attend class during the school day, the student is expected to attend rehearsal. An absence for another school-related activity should be cleared with both the Sponsoring George County Staff person and Guard Sponsor **a week in advance**. Excuses such as work and homework **are not acceptable**. Some exceptions may apply at the discretion of the Color Guard Sponsor. Absenteeism in Color Guard is very difficult to recover from. You are expected to take time outside of rehearsal to catch up.

Conflicts with the guard schedule are the responsibility of the student. Rehearsal and performance schedules are almost always given out in advance so that arrangements can be made. Students and their families are requested to plan appropriately when scheduling so that rehearsals and performances are not missed. Every individual in the organization is a valued, contributing member, and any single absence detracts from the quality of our preparation and performance. Your contribution reflects on the entire group and when a performer is missing during a show, it is noticeable.

Excessive tardiness or absences will result in the student losing their position in the choreography or Guard program. Again, this is because every individual's attendance and performance contributes to the success of the guard. If someone isn't showing their commitment, it hurts the overall effectiveness and attitude of the group. Tardiness and absences will be responded to with consequences such as laps, drop spins or other as well as a drop in grades.

BUT! What if I want to be involved in another sport or after school activity? Participation in other activities is definitely encouraged! However, since color guard is such a team sport, it must be a high priority. If one rehearsal is missed due to another activity, then it should be reciprocated if that situation occurs again. If you have conflicts, please speak with the Guard Sponsor/Band Director. It is give and take situation. If you miss the last rehearsal before a performance or show, you will not be allowed to participate.

Rehearsal Policies & Procedures

1. Arrive 15 minutes early to every rehearsal.
2. **No** chewing gum is allowed at any time during rehearsal.
3. All members must bring a water bottle. Members are not permitted to share water jugs.
4. Appropriate rehearsal attire is required. You should be in rehearsal attire before practice.
“Appropriate rehearsal attire” includes:
 - Comfortable workout attire – outfit chosen by sponsor along with sports bra
 - Gym/tennis shoes with socks
 - Hair must be pulled back and secure
 - No jewelry should be worn at rehearsal. Stud earrings are acceptable.
 - Hats and sun visors are acceptable.
5. If you are struggling, you will enlist someone to help you *outside* of practice.
6. Do not spin while staff is giving whole-group instruction.
7. Do not move or talk at the end of a repetition until you are told to “relax.”
8. If the staff is working with another group that does not involve you, you should be working silently on parts of your show while paying attention in case the staff needs you.
9. Do your color guard duties (guard box, music, etc.) without being asked.
10. There is a difference between being given time for water and being given a “break.” Time for water is short and mandatory. Breaks may be a bit longer and are optional.
11. In general, you may not take water or a break unless the entire group is permitted water or a break.
12. Be dependable.
13. Be your best.

Performance Policies & Procedures

1. You are never to be in “partial uniform.” The uniform is either entirely on, or entirely off.
2. You are not to run in uniform.
3. You must be on your best behavior while at a performance venue. Making negative comments about other performing groups is not permitted.
4. You may not leave the performance venue early unless you have it approved in advance with one of the staff members.
5. You may not go anywhere alone while at a performance venue. You must always be with another guard member.

What to expect during rehearsals:

At the beginning of rehearsals, we will stretch as a group and warm up with dance basics, flag, and rifle. We will go through some basics exercises and warm up routines which you are expected to have memorized. The quicker we can go through warm ups and basics, the more time we can spend on learning/improving our choreography. Everyone will participate.

Guard is a physically challenging activity. Throughout the season, there is a large possibility we will have abdominal workouts, cardiovascular exercises, weight-training and running. In order to spin and stay strong throughout an intense six to seven minute show, it is important you are strong and in shape. Inhalers, if needed should be available at rehearsals as well as water bottles.

Please wear appropriate clothing to rehearsal, jewelry is NOT permitted. In order to dance and spin, you will need to wear clothing that allows you to move and still supports you appropriately, while not obscuring body lines, specifically the arms and legs. Girls may be asked to have available a rehearsal skirt to wear over their shorts that mimics the dress portion of the uniform. **Jeans and other articles of clothing that will not allow you to move around freely are not permitted.** It is preferred you wear dark colored clothing that is fitting to your body when we are scheduled to work on dance. You should ensure you wear pants that let coaches see your feet. This will ensure we are able to help clean dance and movement choreography. Lighter colors and appropriate cool clothing is encouraged for evening band rehearsals and band camp. Marching/tennis shoes are mandatory during band rehearsals. Dance shoes will be permitted at the Director's discretion.

What to expect during performance/competition days:

What we expect of you during performance days:

- Show up on time
- Work hard
- Keep a great attitude
- Have a great performance
- Only say positive things about other groups when you're watching them
- HAVE FUN!

Students are expected to make sure they have all needed materials for the day (make up, flags, uniform, rifle, show t-shirt etc.) and stay for the entire event. If a student needs to leave an event early, they must bring a note from a parent the week before and have permission from the GCHS Band Director. Before leaving the show-site the student AND their parent must check out with the Guard Sponsor or designated representative. If you leave a festival site without permission, you will be dismissed from the GCHS Color Guard team. Each show and competition will have different details regarding call times and performance times. You will be informed of those dates and times as soon as known.

Show hair, makeup and uniforms will be worn for all performances, pictures and events unless otherwise noted. Show makeup is heavier than regular, everyday make up. The entire guard will look the same. Specific colors are required, they are provided at a later date. Show hair will also be uniform throughout the team and there should be no loose hair or fly-a-ways. Hair for the show will be decided over the summer.

Uniforms

The color guard uses custom designed uniforms for both marching band and winter guard. The cost for these uniforms can vary from season to season. Students are responsible for maintaining and correctly laundering their costume. Any costs to repair or replace a uniform or its parts will be at the expense of the student and her family. In addition to the uniform, students may be responsible for the following items:

1. Performance shoes (ordered through the band)
2. Appropriate undergarments (as required for each uniform/season)
3. Other clothes and items needed.
4. Assorted make up items and hair care products. Students will be required to wear makeup during all performances.

Inspections

Due to the extremely public nature of the color guard, students will be inspected prior to every performance. Students are responsible for the following:

1. Flags should be clean, wrinkle and tear free. Flag poles should be taped with the appropriate color of electrical tape.
2. Student name/number should be clearly marked on all equipment.
3. Clean and unwrinkled uniform WITH ALL APPROPRIATE ITEMS.
4. Hair and makeup done as designated for that show.
5. Professional appearance with no jewelry.

Students who fail inspection will lose 15 points from their participation grade and may not be allowed to participate in the performance.

Academic & Physical Eligibility

All students must meet the George County High School requirements to be eligible for participation in a sport. All students must have a current (signed on or after April 1st for the following school year) physical on file with the activities office.

Technique

One of the most important aspects of color guard is having good technique. A color guard only has good technique if we all strive for, and achieve, the technique as a unit. The technique program used by each color guard is at the discretion of the color guard staff. How we spin in the GCHSCG may be different than other schools or other instructors you have had in the past. Disagreeing with or questioning the technique of the instructors will not be tolerated. The instructor has previous experience spinning in the GCHSCG and is always looking for opportunities to make the program better.

Equipment and Maintenance

The maintenance and care of the Color Guard equipment is incredibly important. Equipment must be stored and cared for correctly. Equipment should never be lent out, left out, or unattended for any reason. It should be cleaned and handled with care per given instructions. Only color guard members are permitted to practice with the equipment. **No member should ever allow another person to spin their equipment, even if that person participate(-s -d) in color guard during another season.**

School Equipment

Students will be provided with flag poles, silks and rifles as required for rehearsals and performances. Students are responsible for any repairs necessary during the school year. Students are responsible for keeping their equipment secure. Equipment should be stored and transferred in student's flag bag at all times. The replacement cost for a flagpole is \$15.00. The replacement cost for a practice silk is \$25.00, and the cost of a performance silk can be up to \$50.00.

MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

All events (including trips) are mandatory and failure to attend results in a severe grade penalty so please mark these dates down and keep them in mind throughout the fall. Students who cannot participate in all of the scheduled events should choose an alternate elective.

Performances and Practices

Members are expected to participate in all performances and practices. This includes class, outside of school, and those scheduled over the summer. Each member will be given a copy of the attendance policies and is expected to adhere to these policies. (The policy is also available on the band website.)

Summer/Fall Schedule

Flag Camp May (TBD)

Auxiliary Camp July 10-14, 2017

Full Band Drill Camp July 17-28, 2017

Color Guard Rehearsal Mondays 3-5pm (Football Season)

Full Band Rehearsals Tues. & Thurs. 3-5 pm (Football Season)

Performances See band website (<http://gcpride.weebly.com/>) or Charms.

These practices and camps are REQUIRED.

Band Camp – Marching Band & Color Guard Only

The weeks of summer band camp are a vital part of the marching band. Students work long hours and days in rehearsal learning to march and perform as well as begin to learn the performance shows for the season. Attendance at band camp for MB & CG members is required. Students that do not attend Band Camp will not be able to maintain their position with the team.

After School Rehearsals – Marching Band/Color Guard

During the football and competition season, beginning with the first week of school, after school rehearsals will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm for Marching Band/Color Guard members during August, September, October and early November. On football game days students will need to be in the GCHS Band Hall at approximately 4:00pm – 5:00pm with an estimated time of completion between 11:00 pm –12:00 am. Times will vary depending upon game times and travel distances and will be announced and posted each week.

Marching Band/Color Guard Competitions

Competitions will take place on three of six Saturdays in Sept/Oct/Nov. The competition days will not be known until the end of band camp or early August. Times and locations will be announced as soon as the information becomes available. Please plan your calendars for these dates to be set aside for competition purposes.

It is the tradition for the Marching Band to perform in parades each year. These will include the George County Homecoming Parade, Veteran's Day, Christmas Parade, or other events in which the band is invited.

GCHS Varsity Football Schedule

Our commitment is to provide quality half-time and game-time entertainment for the entire football season. This may include special shows for seasonal events, Homecoming, Senior Night, competitions, and yes, playoffs. Football games are generally on Friday nights with a 7:00 pm start time.

Lettering Marching Band Members

Students eligible for earning a letter as members of the GCHS Marching Band & Color Guard must be in good standing with regards to all policies set forth by the Band Director and the Band Boosters. Students in grades 9-12 must be enrolled in a performing band class for the entire school year, except for Color Guard members, and must be in good academic standing in these classes. Members must participate in all Varsity level events as well as maintain regular attendance at marching rehearsals and performances. Unexcused absences and tardies may result in the loss of letter eligibility. Varsity level events include all Varsity football games, all marching competitions, & all community parades. The Director/Coach reserves the right to alter these conditions as necessary for special or extenuating circumstances.

Band Calendar & Charms

A calendar of events and the summer band camp schedule is published and updated regularly. Charms is a software used to keep track of events, fees, and communication among band/guard members and band directors/guard sponsor. Charms will be kept up to date for calendar events and fees owed. Once tryouts are complete everyone will be loaded into the system and given a username and password.

Band Booster Participation

The purpose of the booster organization is to assist and promote the band and its directors. As a result, the key functions of this group become communications, chaperones, and financial support. Meeting times will be posted. This is a time for sharing ideas and organizing events for the band. All parents and supporters are welcomed and encouraged to attend these meetings. The group provides financial support by helping to purchase equipment, special needs and help with whatever the group feels can be affordable and enhance the band program. This organization will make policy for its governing body, but is not a "policy making" organization for the band program.

Active participation by all Color Guard parents is a requirement. Color Guard parents are required to work at minimum ONE football game concession stand night or pay a fee to take the place of concession stand participation. Help with other fundraisers and meetings are also strongly encouraged. Failure to participate could cause your child/children to be removed from the team.

Conduct detrimental to the program:

Many hours and many dollars have gone into making this program successful before you even became a part of it. We are building and setting new expectations that future Guard will have to work hard to achieve, it is imperative that we are a respected and noble group. Those who are not working towards success have no place in this group. *The GCHS Guard program reserves the right to dismiss any participant at any time for conduct that is hurtful to the program or for any applicable reasoning.* If you feel that something should be address, please see the Director/Sponsor to discuss.

Profanity: We do not use profanity when in uniform; at a practice or in the bleachers for any reason what so ever. If you know these words, forget that you know them when you are with the guard. Please help teammates (or coaches) follow this policy as well.

Slander: Every student, parent and director is important to the success of this group. We follow the golden rule: If you don't have something nice to say, then don't say it. It does nobody any good to be ripped apart by their peers or other teams. You never know what group is walking behind you when you make a clever comment. Positive comments are encouraged but constructive criticism should be kept for the bus ride home or back at school.

Negativity: This is the one thing that will kill a Guard faster than anything else. We all have bad days- Do not let one bad day escalate into a season ending event, Guard is hard enough as it is. If you ever need a moment to think or cool off, just speak up. Attitude is a critical part of everyday life in and out of rehearsal, on and offline.

Cell Phones/MP3 players: KEEP THEM PUT AWAY. Most students have a cell phone in case of emergency. We spend many hours after school and students want to keep their cell phones with them. When you enter the band room, gym or any other rehearsal space, the ringer is turned off and it's put away. **During rehearsal, phones should never be used.** The same is true about MP3 devices. These items can be taken with you on trips to be used during personal stretching times, on the bus and mental warm ups. However, we are never to see them when watching other guards. If you need to get in contact with your child in rehearsal, please contact the guard sponsor. Members that insist on using their phone during rehearsal and not prearranging will be assessed discipline or/and losing points for participation.

Missing or being late to rehearsal: Excessive tardiness or absences will result in the student losing their position in the Marching Band or Winter Guard program. Again, this is because every individual's attendance and performance contributes to the success of the guard. If someone isn't showing their commitment, it hurts the overall effectiveness and attitude of the group.

Grading

Your final grade will be determined from the following:

- A. Music pass offs. Routine, equipment pass offs and written exams. (100 pts. – 10% of grade)
- B. Participation in classroom activities (having music, instrument, pencil, not chewing gum) and after school rehearsals. (100 pts. – 30% of grade)
- C. Performances (half-time shows, marching and concert, festivals, parades, and concerts) throughout the year. (Each performance 100pts. – 60% of grade)

Discipline

Color Guard is a sport of the arts, but still a sport, nonetheless. It may be necessary for the color guard instructors, band directors, or other band staff to discipline a member of the guard, just like a coach would discipline members of his or her team. Examples of disciplinary action include spins, running laps, pushups, throwing tosses, arriving early or staying late at practice, assigning the member additional duties for the remainder of the season, or any other punishment deemed reasonable by the Color Guard Sponsor. In all situations where discipline is warranted, every attempt will be made to instill responsibility for her actions in the member and to use a form of punishment that will further enrich the member's overall color guard experience.

Color Guard in the School Day:

Students enrolled in Marching/Symphonic Band for the first semester will be work toward a performance arts credit. The grade will be based upon Daily Participation, Routine Quizzes and Performances. Students will report to the band directors and Guard Sponsor in class. It is not to be seen as an “Easy A”.

Tips for Parents:

Rehearsals are open to parents only. You are welcome to observe rehearsal at any time, as long as you do not distract your child or any other members.

Rehearsals begin and end at the scheduled time as much as possible. If you are dropping off or picking your child up please allow 5-10 minutes for them to get their things ready before rehearsal and/or put away their equipment at the conclusion.

Please come to the shows and support the Band and Guard.

While at a competition, please do not speak poorly of other color guards or marching units. This reflects badly on our group. Cheer enthusiastically for other teams – all of those students work hard and deserve recognition too!

If you or your child has any questions or concerns about anything as the season progresses please let me know. It is best to snag me to talk after rehearsal or send me a quick email. I would love to discuss this handbook, the guard program or anything else I can do to assist your student.

Krysten West

GCHS Guard Sponsor

Note: This handbook is subject to change as needed to adapt to George County School District Policies, the needs of the GCHS Guard program, the GCHS Band program or at the discretion of the Guard Sponsor or any other school Administrator.

Tentative Fall Schedule Leading Up to First Game:

(Locations and Times may change)

First Fitting – Room 39 – March

First Payment Due - \$175 – March 10th, 2017

Second Payment Due - \$175 – April 10th, 2017

Third Payment Due - \$175 – May 10th, 2017

New Guard Party- Bring Snacks! May 31 – (even going to do it? Maybe same day as fittings)

Forth Payment Due - \$175 – June 10th, 2017

Final Payment Due – Remaining Balance – July 10th, 2017

CAMP – July 10 – 14 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 4:30pm)

BAND CAMP July 17- July 21

BAND CAMP July 24- July 28

Rehearsal- Aug 7

Band Practice- Aug 8

Band Practice- Aug 10

Rehearsal- Aug 14

Band Practice- Aug 15

Band Practice- Aug 17

Rehearsal- Aug 21

Band Practice- Aug 22

Band Practice- Aug 24

First Game – Aug 25(ALL PAYMENTS DUE)

Not yet scheduled-

Parades

Marching Festivals.

Community Events

WINTER GUARD AUDITIONS November (TBD)

**2017 Color Guard Fall Cost Outline:
(costs may change with a reasonable amount of time)**

Cost/Fees

There are costs associated with membership for which each member is accountable. The following is a list of the items and the approximate expenses that may be incurred during the season. Keep in mind these are estimates and prices may vary. Fundraisers will be available to help pay these costs.

Estimated Costs	
Band Participation Fee	\$50
Choreography	\$200
Gloves	\$20
Guard Bags	\$40
Guard Gear	\$75
Guard Quarter Zip	\$40
Guard Warm-Up	\$110
Poms	\$20
Practice Flag	\$25
Shoes	\$45
Uniform	\$250
Color Guard Dues: \$875	

Important Note: Fittings for Color Guard will be after try-outs are complete. Date will be announced as soon as it has been scheduled.

The following is the payment schedule for the 2017-2018 team.

1st - \$175- March 10, 2017

2nd - \$175- April

3rd - \$175- May

4th - \$175- June

5th - Remaining Balance- July

Checks (payable to GCHSCG) or cash

Members that have dues outstanding will not be allowed to audition or register for subsequent seasons until they are up to date or paid in full.

If you quit for any reason, there will **NOT** be a refund, due to our funds going through the school accounts and ordered items.

GEORGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD 2017-2018 MEMBER CONTRACT

Student name _____

Grade _____ Student ID number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent Phone Number _____

I have read and understand the course expectations, grading requirements for Color Guard and agree to abide by the information presented in the GCSCG Handbook Fall 2017. I understand the fees and time commitments required to be a member of the George County Color Guard. By signing below, I agree to abide by the guidelines listed herein. I acknowledge that by signing below, I am making a commitment, not only to myself, but to the other members of the marching band and color guard. My fellow members will depend on me to attend all rehearsals and performances, be prepared for rehearsal, and meet all the other obligations outlined in the handbook. I understand that if I am unable to or choose to work or act in a contrary manner to the standards and expectations listed in the handbook, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken which may include my being removed from the team.

Student signature _____

Date _____

I have read this handbook and agree to abide by its contents. I understand the fees and time commitments required for my child to be a member of the George County Color Guard. I have read and understand the information presented in the GCHSCG Handbook Fall 2017. By signing below, I agree to support the guidelines listed herein. I acknowledge that if my student does not follow these guidelines she will be subject appropriate disciplinary action which may include being removed from the team. I also agree to pay the full cost outlined in the pay-to-play fees section of the handbook as determined by the George County High School Color Guard.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

George County Color Guard 2017 Marching Season Contract

This contract is to insure all members are held to the same standards and to insure a successful season. By signing this, you are agreeing to abide by the contract, and failure to do so will result in suspension or dismissal from the George County Color Guard without a refund of previous paid fees and possibly the requirement to pay unpaid fees. The signature of the contract is a requirement for all members and their guardians.

As a parent and/or member of the George County Color Guard, I have read the guidelines for the G.C.C.G., and I am willing to abide by them. I understand that if I choose to break a rule or go against a director's or sponsor's direction, I will be suspended or dismissed from the program with no refund of fees previously paid, and I may also have to pay unpaid fees even though I have been dismissed or suspended, for materials that may have already been ordered. I understand that Ms. West is making decisions that she deems best for the G.C.C.G., and my choice to not follow any last minute decisions, planned decisions, or decisions of any kind, will lead to my dismissal or suspension from the program. I understand that I have to follow all dress code and uniform policies, for as part of the team I will respect the policies or risk the chance of dismissal or suspension from the program. I understand there will be unforeseen circumstances to arise during the season, but I will trust

Ms. West to make the decision that is best for the squad as a whole. I also understand that Ms. West is receiving guidance from the director to The Pride, and if he/she is not present, then she is receiving guidance from the assistant director of The Pride, and all three parties will be respected.

As a parent and/or member of the team, I will follow all the rules and guidelines for the George County High School Color Guard, and I will do my part to support each and every member of the G.C.C.G. team. I am aware of the weekly pass off procedure for the marching season, and I understand if I do not make a passing score, I will not be able to perform in the game/competition for the week, and I understand pass offs are for the betterment of the team.

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

*****Parents: by signing this contract, you have agreed to follow the guidelines that apply to you and you will encourage your child to follow the guidelines as well.*****